Non-utilisation of funds for maintenance of NHs

752. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maintenance of the roads, specially of the National Highways, in the country is not satisfactory;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that only 50 per cent of total annual allocation is spent on maintenance of these roads;

(c) if so, the assessment of Government regarding the expenditure of above allocation on various heads; and

(d) Government's proposal regarding full utilisation of allocated amounts in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) All efforts are made to maintain the National Highways in traffic worthy condition.

(b) There has been a shortfall of around 40% in the allocation for maintenance of roads.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Full utilisation of allocated amount is made every years.

Upgradation of NHs in North-Eastern Region

753. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the period of completion of the proposed Mega Project of Integrated National Highway;

(b) the amount of fund to be spent to complete the Mega Project;

(c) whether Government are preparing for upgrading the existing National Highways in the North-Eastern Region to have connection with Mega Project of the Integrated National Highway;

(d) the name of the National Highways of the North-Eastern Region which are to be upgraded; and